

Amendments to the Specification:

Without prejudice or disclaimer, please delete the text at page 10, line 10 through line 12, of the instant application and enter the following rewritten text:

Figure 17 is a partial nucleotide and derived amino acid sequence for the 200 kDa protein of *M. catarrhalis* strain 4223 (SEQ ID Nos: 49 and 50, respectively), indicating by arrows the locations of the initial amino acid of the respective three truncations ALA¹², VAL¹⁹ and GLY³⁹;

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Plasmid pQWF was digested with *Dra* III and *Pst* I to remove 1.1 kb of the extreme 3-end of the 200 kDa gene (Figure 23). A 260 bp PCR fragment was amplified, containing tandem stop codons after the VVAGK (SEQ ID No: 51). The PCR primers were designed to contain flanking *Dra* III and *Pst* I sites:

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